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REMARKS

In this Response, Applicants correct clerical errors on pages 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 15 and 16 of the specification, amend claims 1, 3, 4, and 11, add new claims 12-56, and traverse the Examiner's rejections. Support for the amendments to the specification and the claims can be found throughout the originally filed disclosure. The claim amendments should not be construed as acquiescence to any of the rejections. Rather, the claim amendments are being made solely to expedite prosecution of the instant application. Furthermore, silence with regard to any of the Examiner's rejections should not be construed as acquiescence to any of the rejections. Specifically, silence with regard to any of the rejections of the dependent claims that depend from an independent claim considered by Applicants to be allowable based on the Remarks provided herein should not be construed as acquiescence to any of the rejections. Rather, silence should be construed as recognition by the Applicants that the previously lodged rejections are moot based on the Amendment and/or Remarks submitted by the Applicants relative to the independent claim from which the dependent claims depend. Applicants reserve the option to further prosecute the same or similar claims in the instant or a subsequent application. Upon entry of the Amendment, claims 12-56 are pending in the instant application.

Office Action, ¶¶ 1 and 2

The Examiner rejected claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,064,875 to Morgan.

Applicants' independent claim 1 recites a system for allowing a subscriber to a prepaid communication service to roam between different service markets that includes a location register that is *capable of identifying a class of market associated with the mobile switching center* and that can modify the subscriber profile *as a function of the identified class of market* for controlling the services provided to the subscriber.

The Examiner stated that Morgan disclosed a system including "a location register (fig. 2, fig. 3) in communicating with the serving MSC and HLR being capable of collecting the user profile and capable of identifying a class of market and modify the user profile as a function of the identified class market for controlling the services provided to the subscriber." Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's characterization of Morgan. As described in Morgan

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col. 5, ll. 50-54 and as shown in Morgan Figs. 1 and 2, Morgan describes a home carrier that supports prepaid roaming and a serving carrier. As described in Morgan col. 7, l. 56 to col. 9, l. 6 and as shown in Morgan Fig. 4, a switching platform associated with the home carrier may receive a request for wireless communications service from a subscriber located in a region served by the serving carrier. The switching platform identifies the mobile identification number and electronic serial number of the subscriber, and a monitor means associated with the switching platform accesses an account for the subscriber from an account memory means to determine whether the subscriber prepaid for roaming call termination. (Morgan col. 8, ll. 3-14.) If the subscriber prepaid for roaming call termination, a reconfiguring means associated with the switching platform temporarily reconfigures a home locator record (HLR) for the subscriber to permit call termination. (Morgan col. 8, ll. 14-35.) After reconfiguration of the HLR, the home carrier petitions the serving carrier for a temporary local dial number (TLDN) and the serving carrier then requests a visitor location record (VLR) from the home carrier. (Morgan col. 8, ll. 35-53.) The home carrier thereafter provides the serving carrier with a VLR based on the reconfigured HLR. (Morgan col. 8, ll. 53-63.) Since the VLR based on the reconfigured HLR permits call termination, the serving carrier provides the requested TLDN to the switching platform associated with the home carrier. (Morgan col. 8, l. 63 to col. 9, l. 3.) A switch associated with the switching platform then dials the TLDN to deliver the call. (Morgan col. 9, ll. 3-6.)

In Morgan, all calls are routed through the home carrier based on a subscriber profile that is temporarily changed based on whether the subscriber prepaid for roaming call termination. In contrast, Applicants' independent claim 1 includes a location register for modifying the subscriber profile based on the class of market associated with the mobile switching center. Morgan does not identify the class of market associated with the serving carrier. Since Morgan does not identify the class of market, Morgan also does not modify the subscriber record based on the identified class of market. Accordingly, Morgan does not teach the feature of Applicants' independent claim 1 directed to a location register that is *capable of identifying a class of market associated with the mobile switching center* and that can modify the subscriber profile *as a function of the identified class of market* for controlling the services provided to the subscriber. Accordingly, Applicants consider independent claim 1 to be allowable.

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Since claims 2-11 depend from claim 1, Applicants also consider claims 2-11 to be allowable as depending on an allowable base claim, thereby mooting the Examiner's rejections of claims 2-11. Applicants' failure to respond to the Examiner's rejections of dependent claims 2-11 should not be construed as acquiescence to any of the rejections. Rather, Applicants' failure to respond to the Examiner's rejections should be construed as recognition by the Applicants that the previously lodged rejections are moot based on the Amendment and/or Remarks submitted by the Applicants relative to claim 1.

Based on the Remarks previously provided herein, Applicants traverse the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

New Claims

Applicants add new claims 12-56 for call delivery systems disclosed in the present application. New claims 12, 21, 28, 33, 38, 43, and 51 are independent, and new claims 13-20, 22-27, 29-32, 34-37, 39-42, 44-50, and 52-56 depend from claims 12, 21, 28, 33, 38, 43, and 51, respectively. Support for new claims 12-56 can be found throughout the original disclosure.

New Claims 12-20

New claims 12-20 are directed to a system that includes a location register that is *capable of identifying a class of market associated with the mobile switching center and modifying the subscriber profile as a function of the identified class of market.*

As provided previously herein, the cited prior art does not teach the feature of a location register that is *capable of identifying a class of market associated with the mobile switching center and modifying the subscriber profile as a function of the identified class of market.* Accordingly, Applicants consider new claims 12-20 to be allowable over the cited prior art.

New Claims 21-56

New claims 21-42 are directed to methods and processor programs for processing calls from a subscriber including *identifying a class of market associated with a mobile switching center, wherein the mobile switching center receives a call associated with a subscriber, and, based on the identified class of market, modifying a profile associated with a subscriber to deliver the call to a prepaid platform.*

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New claims 43-56 are directed to methods and processor programs for routing a call including *determining whether a prepaid platform is associated with a market for a mobile switching center receiving the call, and, based on whether a prepaid platform is associated with the market for the mobile switching center receiving the call, routing the call to at least one of a hotline number and a prepaid platform associated with the market for the mobile switching center.*

Based on the Remarks previously provided herein, Applicants consider new claims 21-56 to be allowable over the cited prior art.

CONCLUSION

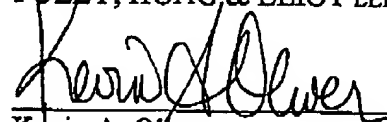
Based on the foregoing Amendment and Remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants request allowance. Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the Applicants' undersigned Attorney if any issues are deemed to remain prior to allowance.

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF SPECIFICATION

Page 6, lines 14-23 were amended to read as follows:

Specifically, Figure 1 depicts one embodiment of system according to the invention wherein a roaming subscriber, depicted in Figure 1 by the subscriber phone unit 12, is capable of roaming into different server markets, including different types of server markets, and being provided prepaid communication services by a prepaid platform that can communicate with the roaming subscriber. For purposes of illustration, Figure 1 depicts this system 10 as a functional block diagram that illustrates a subscriber phone unit 12, a mobile switching center (MSC) 14, a local signal transfer point (STP) 16, a home STP 18, a location register 20, a database 22, an external Home Location Register (HLR) 24, a prepaid service platform database 28, and a prepaid service voice node 30. Figure 1 further depicts the Home market [34] 32 as being separated from the Serving market [32] 34 by the dashed line.

Page 7, line 16 to page 8, line 2 were amended to read as follows:

Figure 1 further depicts that the system 10 can include a Home Location Register (HLR) 24 of the type employed with cellular networks, and can further include a prepaid call processing platform 28. The prepaid call processing platform 28 can be any suitable prepaid platform including the C₂C prepaid call processing platform manufactured and sold by the assignee hereof. The prepaid platform 28 may act as a centrally located database that includes information about the accounts of each subscriber of the prepaid system. This account information may include for each subscriber the amount of funds available to that subscriber, as well as other account information, such as any free calling time available to that subscriber, and other such information. This account information may be stored information. This account information may be stored in a database [28] 38 that comprises part of the prepaid platform 28. The prepaid platform 28 may also comprise a rating engine 40 that processes the account information for a subscriber and determines from the account information a time interval representative of the number of minutes the subscriber can talk for. Other methods for regulating the call may also be practical.

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Page 8, lines 4-8 were amended to read as follows:

In the serving market [30] 34, a prepaid voice node is present that is capable of processing a call for a prepaid subscriber. The prepaid voice node 30 is capable of connecting a prepaid subscriber to a communication network, such as the PSTN, and is capable of regulating the call as a function of the time interval determined by the prepaid platform 28. Thus, the prepaid voice node acts as a switch that connects the subscriber through the MSC 14 and on to the PSTN.

Page 9, lines 1-20 were amended to read as follows:

It will also be seen that the system 10 of Figure 1 includes a database 22 that communicates with the LR 20 and that can store subscriber profiles for use by the system, as well as a look up table that includes information for resolving for a given serving market the associated class of market. For example, the LR 20 can store a table that distinguishes between two types of serving markets, those serving markets that have a prepaid voice node and those that do not. By way of illustration, it can be seen that the serving market 34 has a prepaid voice node 30. Thus, as will be shown below, the LR 20 may modify the subscriber profile to instruct the switch MSC 14 to pass the subscriber's call to the prepaid voice node 30. In contrast, turning to Figure 2, a system 50 can be seen, which is similar to the system 10 however the serving market 56 lacks a prepaid voice node. Instead, with system 50 a prepaid voice node that can be employed by the system is located in the home market 54. Thus, the [CR] LR 20 will adjust the subscriber's profile to employ the prepaid voice node 52 in the home market 54. Thus, the system divides markets into classes based on the system's ability to control call processing. The depicted database 22 may be any suitable database system, including the commercially available Microsoft Access database, and may be a local or distributed database system. The database 22 may be supported by any suitable persistent data memory, such as a hard disk drive, RAID system, tape drive system, floppy diskette, or any other suitable system. The system depicted in Figure 1 includes a database device 22 that is separate from the LR 20, however, it will be understood by those of ordinary skill in the art that in other embodiments the database device 22 may be integrated into the LR 20.

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Page 9, line 22 to page 10, line 8 were amended to read as follows:

In operation, the subscriber of the prepaid cellular service has a mobile telephone unit 12 that has associated with it an MIN and ESN as well as an NPA/NXX which identifies the subscriber as a prepaid cellular user. When the subscriber signs up for cellular service, a subscriber service profile is stored for that subscriber in a database maintained by the home carrier MSC for that subscriber, or alternatively in a centrally located database, such as the external HLR 24. The subscriber's service profile can include data indicating that the MIN is [tableallowed] allowed to originate calls while roaming, that the MIN can dial internationally, that automatic call delivery is active and that the MIN is associated with other such services. Other types of information can also be associated with the subscriber's service profile and all such information is deemed to be within the scope of the present invention. The data carried in the profile tells the switch MSC 14 how to handle the caller. For example, the data in the service profile can tell the MSC 14 to route the caller to a prepaid platform or to deny the caller the ability to originate or receive a call. The codes, parameters or other information contained in the service profile that will effect operation of the switch can vary depending upon the application and the programming of the switch MSC 14.

Page 13, line 10 to page 14, line 5 were amended to read as follows:

Turning back to Figure 3, the LR 20 will return the modified profile to the MSC 14 to complete the validation and registration process for the subscriber. The operation of the system turns [of] on the class of the serving market. Figure 4 depicts the operation of the network for a serving market that includes a prepaid platform. Continuing with the example presented in Table 1, the LR 20 will modify the profile to set the parameter "ORIGINATION INDICATOR" to 3. This modification is understood to provide the MSC 14 with an instruction to forward the subscriber to the prepaid platform within that serving market, such as the prepaid platform 30 of the serving market 34 depicted in Figure 1. Thus, when the MSC 14 checks the visitor location register to get the roaming profile for the subscriber, the MSC 14 sees a profile that has the "ORIGINATION INDICATOR" set to 3, which optionally can be the setting for all prepaid traffic handled by the MSC 14. Therefore, as shown in Figure 4, the serving MSC 14 will route the prepaid roaming caller along with all other prepaid callers to the local prepaid system 30. The prepaid system 30 can act as a voice node that controls the call processing for the subscriber. In one practice, the prepaid system 30 accesses the prepaid database and rating engine 28 to determine for that subscriber the interval of time available to the subscriber given their account

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information. As discussed above, the prepaid database and rating engine can be a centrally located system that can be accessed by any prepaid platform voice node in any serving market. In one practice, the prepaid platform 30 employs the MIN, ESN, the dialed number and NPA/NXX numbers provided by the MSC or other element to access account information from the central database 28. However, in those systems where this and other such information is not provided, the prepaid platform can request that the subscriber reenter this information to provide the rating system with the information for collecting the account information and for performing the rating process.

Page 15, lines 6-15 were amended to read as follows:

It will be noted that for an HLR provided roaming market, the LR 20 will pass through any messages provided by the HLR 24. Thus, the LR 20 will pass directly to the HLR 24 registration requests that are not for prepaid subscribers. As described above, there will also be other messages that the LR 20 will need to "pass through", such as deregister messages, to either the HLR 24 or the serving MSC 14. This allows the markets to employ sections of the profile for proprietary purposes. Optionally, these operations apply not only to roamer registration requests, but to any message, including ANSI-41 messages, in which a subscriber profile or subscriber status is requested. In a further optional practice, the LR 20 may store the subscriber's location, that can in turn be passed to the HLR 24 down to the lowest level of granularity supported.

Page 15, line 18 to page 16, line 4 were amended to read as follows:

Figures 6 and 7 depict call delivery also known as call termination methods, for use with a roaming prepaid subscriber. Specifically, figure 6 depicts a data flow diagram that shows how the systems of the invention allow a roaming prepaid subscriber to receive an inbound call when that roaming prepaid subscriber is in their home network. Specifically, figure 6 depicts that an inbound call, such as a call from a land line within the serving market, can be forwarded to the gateway the home market. In this example, the prepaid subscriber is in the home coverage area and has registered with that coverage area. the gateway forwards the call to the prepaid platform such as a prepaid platform 28 depicted in [figure] Fig. 1.[.] The prepaid platform makes a subscriber location request from the location register 20. [the] The location register 20 requests the subscribers location from the home location register 24, that can be part of the home gateway system. The HLR 24 responds to the LR 20 with the subscribers location and the LR 20 provides that information to the prepaid system 28. The prepaid system can than complete the call to the roaming subscriber within the home coverage area. The prepaid system 28 can than

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perform call processing as described above wherein funds in the account associated with the subscriber are used to determine a time interval for the call.

Page 16, lines 6-18 were amended to read as follows:

Turning to Figure 7 a call delivery method for a roaming subscriber, that is a prepaid subscriber that is outside of the home market is depicted. Specifically, [figure] Fig. 7 depicts [the] that an inbound call, such as a call [form] from a landline, can be delivered to the home market for the prepaid subscriber. In this case, the home market will route the prepaid call to the prepaid system. Here the prepaid system will make a subscriber location request to the location register 20. The HLR 24 will respond with the subscribers location. The location register 20 will then provide the location of the subscriber to the prepaid system 28. [HERE] Here the prepaid system 28 may request a TLDN for performing call deliver. The LR 20 can set a parameter [with in] within the user profile such as a field termination allowed of the roaming profile, for the duration of one call. The LR 20 obtains the TLDN from the VLR and the VLR returns the TLDN to the LR 20. The LR 20 delivers the TLDN to the prepaid system and the home MSC completes the call and rates the call accordingly. In this way, a roaming prepaid subscriber can receive incoming calls in a serving market.

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF CLAIMS

Claims 1, 3, 4, and 11 were amended as follows.

Claims 12-56 were added as follows.

1. (Once Amended) A system for allowing a subscriber to a prepaid communication service to roam between different service markets, the system comprising

a serving [MSC] mobile switching center capable of communicating with the subscriber's phone unit and capable of generating a request for a profile associated with the subscriber,

a location register in communication with the serving [MSC] mobile switching center and in communication with a home location register associated with the subscriber profile, the location register being capable of collecting the [user] subscriber profile and capable of identifying a class of market associated with the [MSC] mobile switching center, whereby the location register can modify the [user] subscriber profile as a function of the identified class of market for controlling the services provided to the subscriber, and

a prepaid platform capable of performing call processing for a call associated with the subscriber.

3. (Once Amended) A system according to claim 1, wherein the location register includes a messaging processing unit for processing a message from the [MSC] mobile switching center to identify a class of market associated with the [MSC] mobile switching center.

4. (Once Amended) A system according to claim 1, wherein [said] the [MSC] mobile switching center includes a profile request service capable of requesting a user profile in response to an NPA/NXX signal representative of the subscriber being a prepaid customer.

11. (Once Amended) A system according to claim 1, wherein the location register includes an error reporter for reporting [to] detected error conditions to the prepaid platform.

12. (New) A system for processing calls from a subscriber, the system comprising:

a mobile switching center capable of communicating with a subscriber phone unit and requesting a subscriber profile,

a location register capable of accessing the subscriber profile, identifying a class of market associated with the mobile switching center, modifying the subscriber profile based on

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the identified class of market, and providing the modified subscriber profile to the serving mobile switching center, and

a prepaid platform capable of communicating with the mobile switching center and performing call processing for a subscriber call.

13. (New) A system according to claim 12, wherein the location register includes a database having information representative of class of markets associated with a plurality of markets capable of servicing the subscriber.

14. (New) A system according to claim 12, wherein the location register includes a messaging processing unit for processing a message from the mobile switching center to identify a class of market associated with the mobile switching center.

15. (New) A system according to claim 12, wherein the mobile switching center includes a profile request service capable of requesting a user profile in response to an NPA/NXX signal representative of the subscriber being a prepaid customer.

16. (New) A system according to claim 12, wherein the location register includes a memory space for storing information representative of a location associated with the subscriber.

17. (New) A system according to claim 12, wherein the location register is capable of providing a home location register with information representative of a location associated with the subscriber.

18. (New) A system according to claim 12, wherein the location register is capable of passing through requests for subscribers identified as non-prepaid subscriber.

19. (New) A system according to claim 12, wherein the location register is capable of requesting subscriber location information from a home location register associated with a subscriber.

20. (New) A system according to claim 12, wherein the location register is capable of communicating with a visitor location register to allow call termination for a call.

21. (New) A method for processing calls from a subscriber, the method comprising:
identifying a class of market associated with a mobile switching center, wherein the mobile switching center receives a call associated with the subscriber; and,

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based on the identified class of market, modifying a profile associated with the subscriber to route the call to a prepaid platform.

22. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the call originates from at least one of a mobile telephone and a landline.

23. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein modifying the profile associated with the subscriber comprises:

modifying the profile associated with the subscriber to route the call to at least one of a prepaid platform located in the market associated with the mobile switching center and a prepaid platform located in a market different than the market associated with the mobile switching center.

24. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein modifying the profile associated with the subscriber comprises:

modifying the profile associated with the subscriber to route the call to a prepaid platform located in the market associated with the mobile switching center for the mobile switching center to complete the call.

25. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein modifying the profile associated with the subscriber comprises:

modifying the profile associated with the subscriber to route the call to a hotline number.

26. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein modifying the profile associated with the subscriber comprises:

modifying the profile associated with the subscriber to include a hotline number for a prepaid platform located in a market different than the market associated with the mobile switching center.

27. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein the hotline number comprises a toll free telephone number on a public switched telephone network.

28. (New) A method for processing calls for a subscriber, the method comprising:

receiving a request for a profile associated with the subscriber, wherein the subscriber makes a call in a roaming market;

identifying a class of market associated with the roaming market; and,

based on the identified class of market, modifying the profile associated with the subscriber to route the call to a prepaid platform.

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29. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein modifying the profile associated with the subscriber comprises:

modifying the profile associated with the subscriber to route the call to at least one of a prepaid platform located in the roaming market and a prepaid platform located in a market different than the roaming market.

30. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein modifying the profile associated with the subscriber comprises:

modifying the profile associated with the subscriber to route the call to a prepaid platform located in the roaming market for a mobile switching center in the roaming market to complete the call.

31. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein modifying the profile associated with the subscriber comprises:

modifying the profile associated with the subscriber to route the call to a hotline number.

32. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein modifying the profile associated with the subscriber comprises:

modifying the profile associated with the subscriber to include a hotline number for a prepaid platform located in a market different than the roaming market.

33. (New) A method for processing calls from a subscriber, the method comprising
receiving, at a mobile switching center, a call associated with the subscriber;
requesting, from a home mobile switching center, a profile associated with the subscriber;
identifying a class of market associated with the mobile switching center; and,
based on the identified class of market, modifying the profile associated with the subscriber to route the call to a prepaid platform.

34. (New) The method of claim 33, wherein modifying the profile associated with the subscriber comprises:

modifying the profile associated with the subscriber to route the call to at least one of a prepaid platform located in the market associated with the mobile switching center and a prepaid platform located in a market different than the market associated with the mobile switching center.

35. (New) The method of claim 33, wherein modifying the profile associated with the subscriber comprises:

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modifying the profile associated with the subscriber to route the call to a prepaid platform located in the market associated with the mobile switching center for the mobile switching center to complete the call.

36. (New) The method of claim 33, wherein modifying the profile associated with the subscriber comprises:

modifying the profile associated with the subscriber to route the call to a hotline number.

37. (New) The method of claim 33, wherein modifying the profile associated with the subscriber comprises:

modifying the profile associated with the subscriber to include a hotline number for a prepaid platform located in a market different than the market associated with the foreign mobile switching center.

38. (New) A processor program for processing calls from a subscriber, the processor program being tangibly stored on a processor-readable medium and comprising instructions operable to cause a processor to:

identify a class of market associated with a mobile switching center, wherein the mobile switching center receives a call associated with the subscriber; and,

based on the identified class of market, modify a profile associated with the subscriber to route the call to a prepaid platform.

39. (New) The processor program of claim 38, wherein the instructions to modify a profile associated with the subscriber to route the call to a prepaid platform comprise instructions to:

modify the profile associated with the subscriber to route the call to at least one of a prepaid platform located in the market associated with the mobile switching center and a prepaid platform located in a market different than the market associated with the mobile switching center.

40. (New) The processor program of claim 38, wherein the instructions to modify a profile associated with the subscriber to route the call to a prepaid platform comprise instructions to:

modify the profile associated with the subscriber to route the call a prepaid platform located in a market associated with the mobile switching center.

41. (New) The processor program of claim 38, wherein the instructions to modify a profile associated with the subscriber to route the call to a prepaid platform comprise instructions to:

modify the profile associated with the subscriber to route the call to a hotline number.

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42. (New) The processor program of claim 38, wherein the instructions to modify a profile associated with the subscriber to route the call to a prepaid platform comprise instructions to:

modify the profile associated with the subscriber to include a hotline number for a prepaid platform located in a market different than the market associated with the mobile switching center.

43. (New) A method for routing a call, the method comprising:

determining whether a prepaid platform is associated with a market for a mobile switching center receiving the call; and,

based on whether a prepaid platform is associated with the market for the mobile switching center receiving the call, routing the call to at least one of a hotline number and a prepaid platform associated with the market for the mobile switching center.

44. (New) The method of claim 43, wherein the call originates from at least one of a mobile telephone and a landline.

45. (New) The method of claim 43, wherein the hotline number comprises a toll free telephone number on a public switched telephone network.

46. (New) The method of claim 43, wherein routing the call to at least one of a hotline number and a prepaid platform associated with the market for the mobile switching center comprises:

modifying a profile associated with a subscriber for the call to route the call to at least one of a hotline number and a prepaid platform associated with the market for the mobile switching center.

47. (New) The method of claim 43, wherein routing the call to a prepaid platform associated with the market for the mobile switching center comprises:

routing the call to a prepaid platform associated with the market for the mobile switching center to allow the mobile switching center to complete the call.

48. (New) The method of claim 43, wherein routing the call to a prepaid platform associated with the market for the mobile switching center comprises:

modifying a profile associated with a subscriber for the call to route the call to a prepaid platform associated with the market for the mobile switching center to allow the mobile switching center to complete the call.

49. (New) The method of claim 43, wherein routing the call to a hotline number comprises:

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routing the call to a hotline number to a prepaid platform associated with a market different than the market associated with the mobile switching center.

50. (New) The method of claim 43, wherein routing the call to a hotline number comprises:

modifying a profile associated with a subscriber for the call to include a hotline number for a prepaid platform associated with a market different than the market associated with the mobile switching center.

51. (New) A processor program for routing a call, the processor program being tangibly stored on a processor readable medium and comprising instructions operable to cause a processor to:

determine whether a prepaid platform is associated with a market for a mobile switching center receiving the call; and,

based on whether a prepaid platform is associated with the market for the mobile switching center receiving the call, route the call to at least one of a hotline number and a prepaid platform associated with the market for the mobile switching center.

52. (New) The processor program of claim 51, wherein the instructions to route the call to at least one of a hotline number and a prepaid platform associated with the market for the mobile switching center comprise instructions to:

modify a profile associated with a subscriber for the call to route the call to at least one of a hotline number and a prepaid platform associated with the market for the mobile switching center.

53. (New) The processor program of claim 51, wherein the instructions to route the call to a prepaid platform associated with the market for the mobile switching center comprises instructions to:

route the call to a prepaid platform associated with the market for the mobile switching center to allow the mobile switching center to complete the call.

54. (New) The processor program of claim 51, wherein the instructions to route the call to a prepaid platform associated with the market for the mobile switching center comprises instructions to:

modify a profile associated with a subscriber for the call to route the call to a prepaid platform associated with the market for the mobile switching center to allow the mobile switching center to complete the call.

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55. (New) The processor program of claim 51, wherein the instructions to route the call to a hotline number comprise instructions to:

route the call to a hotline number to a prepaid platform associated with a market different than the market associated with the mobile switching center.

56. (New) The processor program of claim 51, wherein the instructions to route the call to a hotline number comprise instructions to:

modify a profile associated with a subscriber for the call to include a hotline number to a prepaid platform associated with a market different than the market associated with the mobile switching center.

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